(c) whether the Government are aware that Kudremukh iron ore has gold concentrations which would be economical to our country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) The Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL), a PSU under the Ministry of Steel, is producing iron ore concentrates and Pellets from the iron ore extracted from Kudremukh mines situated in Karnataka State. The quantity of iron ore concentrates and pellets exported to Japan during the last 3 years was as under :

(Qty. in Million Tonnes)

| Year | Concentrates | Pellets |
|---|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 1.267 | 0.103 |
| 1995-96 | 1.385 | — |
| 1994-95 | 1.541 | — |

(c) to (e) The iron ore at Kudremukh is of the nature of Banded Magnetite Quarizite with low iron content. The Company undertook extensive studies to find out the occurrence of gold in the mineable depositis as also the tailings from the tailings dam. Numerous samples were collected and sent to Australia for detailed analysis. The samples were also analysed within the country. The tests have revealed that there is no extractable gold present and it is only in minute traces which cannot be excracted economically.

**Telephone Facility in Block Headquarters**

2474. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the Block headquarters connected with STD so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PARSAD VARMA):

*State-wise details of Block Headquarters with S.T.D. facility*

| State | Block Headquarters | |
|---|---|---|
| | Total | With STD facility |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Andhra Pradesh | — | * |
| Assam | 166 | 105 |
| Bihar | 727 | 476 |
| Gujarat | — | * |
| Haryana | 110 | 87 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 72 | 68 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 119 | 38 |
| Karnataka | 123 | 123 |
| Kerala | 149 | 149 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 459 | 339 |
| Maharashtra | 311 | 294 |
| Goa | 11 | 11 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | — | * |
| Manipur | — | * |
| Maghalaya | 30 | 10 |
| Mizoram | 20 | 6 |
| Nagaland | 77 | 14 |
| Tripura | — | * |
| Orissa | 314 | 291 |
| Punjab | 136 | 125 |
| Rajasthan | 237 | 212 |
| Tamil Nadu | 397 | 334 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 892 | 375 |
| West Bengal | 322 | 225 |
| Sikkim | 411 | 16 |
| Delhi | — | * |

* There are no Block Headquarters in these states.

**Setting up of New Railway Zones**

2475. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up three more Railway zones;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has made any request to the Union Government to set up Zonal headquarter of South West Railway zone at Calicut and Trivandrum, Madurai and Palghat divisions under the zone; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Government is setting up 6 new Zones as follows :

1. East-Coast at Bhubaneswar
2. North-Central at Allahabad
3. East-Central at Hajipur
4. North-Western at Jaipur
5. South-Western at Bangalore, and
6. West-Central at Jabalpur.

(c) Representation has been received from Kerala Government regarding setting up of Zonal headquarters of South-Western Zone in Kerala.

(d) New Zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload and accessibility, traffic patterns & other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy & efficiency. Keeping the various factors in view the Govt. has decided to set up the 6 new zones as above. At present there is no administrative requirement for a Zonal office in Kerala.

*[Translation]*

**Funds to States for Rural Development**

2476. CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA:
SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI :
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH:
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH:
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of funds allocated during each of the last three years, and the current year together with the funds earmarked for each year of the Ninth Plan under various rural developmental works, housing schemes, employment schemes etc., State-wise and Programme-wise;

(b) the target fixed and achievements made thereunder, State-wise;

(c) whether complaints have been received against corruption and irregularities comitted in implementation of the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on each of such complaints, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU): (a) and (b) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) are the major employment and rural development programmes being implemented by the Centre throughout the country. The quantum of funds allocated, targets fixed and achieved thereunder statewise during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and the current year, 1997-98, in respect of the above schemes are given in Statement I to V. The allocation of funds to all the programmes of this Ministry is done on Annual basis.

(c) & (d) The statewise details of the complaints against corruption and irregularities committed in implementation of the IRDP, JRY and EAS programmes received in the Ministry are as under :

IRDP

| State | No. of complaints received |
|---|---|
| 1. Bihar | 1 |
| 2. Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 3. Gujarat | 1 |
| JRY | |
| 1. Bihar | 5 |
| 2. Gujarat | 1 |
| 3. Rajasthan | 1 |
| 4. Uttar Pradesh | 14 |
| EAS | |
| 1. Assam | 1 |
| 2. Orissa | 5 |

All the above complaints have been referred to the concerned State Governments for taking necessary action into the matter urgently.

***Statement-I***

*Statement showing amount allocated, targets fixed and achievements in respect of IRDP*

Programme : IRDP No. of Families benefitted

| Sl. No. | States/UT's | Amount Allocated | | | | Target | Achv. | Target | Achv. | Target | Achv. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 94-95 | 95-96 | 96-97 | 97-98 | 94 - 95 | | 95-96 | | 96-97 | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 4172.00 | 4168.21 | 4168.21 | 4306.11 | 166884 | 159908 | 122863 | | 203135 | |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 312.00 | 311.72 | 311.72 | 322.03 | 12468 | 18764 | 14381 | | 4956 | |
| 3. | Assam | 1374.00 | 1371.75 | 1371.75 | 1417.12 | 54938 | 62584 | 59030 | | 23062 | |